

**Mary Herro** 

A life spent always making others feel they were the most important person best describes Mary Herro.

She has been a devoted volunteer at the Village at Manor Park (WMP) for twenty years documenting over 11,000 volunteer hours. Mary has assisted in every department at VMP and spends the majority of her time with the Senior Community Club. She arranges and leads bus trips, answers phones and makes return calls, arranges seating for large dinner events and is the greeter at the events, gives tours of VMP, serves in the dining room and assists with in-house marketing and open houses.

Mary has lived a life of sacrifice and service to others. She was the caretaker to her father who had dementia; her sister who had Parkinson's; and her husband, Louis, who had multiple medical issues. She always has a smile on her face and a hug waiting for anyone in need.

As an active volunteer with the Italian Community Center and Festa Italiana, Mary and her husband, Lou, helped with senior citizen luncheons, "Taste of Italy" events, fish fry's and the address labeling of the organization's newspaper, *The Italian Times*. In 2004, the Italian Community Center recognized them for their dedication and commitment by naming them as the "Nonno and Nonna" (Royal Grandparents) of IL Grande Carnevale, the organization's pre-Lenten costume and mask ball.

"Mary is a righteous person making a difference in the lives of many; lifting the spirits of those around her. She is a one woman support group for family, friends and residents."

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